

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are presented below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 **(Canceled)**

17. **(Previously Presented)** A configuration management system, comprising:
a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product, the configuration device operable to receive, from a user, configuration input related to at least one object and effect a change in the development of the product based on the user input;

a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

a server machine for executing said configuration device and producing display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system; and

a network interface connecting said server machine to a network, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet, wherein said server machine transmits information produced by said configuration device and said display information over said network for display on a remote computer, wherein the transmitted information includes one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to utilize the information produced by said configuration device in said presentation.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The configuration management system according to Claim 17, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

19. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 18, wherein said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment verge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and

said state changes are performed by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

20. **(Previously Presented)** A configuration management system, comprising:

- a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product, the configuration device operable to receive, from a user, configuration input related to at least one selected object;
- a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;
- a server machine for executing said configuration device and producing display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;
- a network interface connecting said server machine to a network, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet, wherein
- said server machine transmits information produced by said configuration device and said display information over said network for display on a remote computer; and
- a report generator configured to produce, in response to the configuration input received from the user, at least one of access reports, version control reports, and package based reports based on at least one selected of said objects, wherein each of said reports generated by said report generator are formatted as HTML documents and sent via said network interface by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

21. **(Cancelled)**

22. **(Currently Amended)** The configuration management system according to ~~Claim 21~~ Claim 20, wherein said report generator generates: said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

23. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 22, wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report formats.

24. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 22, wherein:

said access reports include information indicating which users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;

said version control reports include a list of items organized by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user, modification by environment, and current release; and

said package based reports include a list of items organized by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and packages by form items.

Claims 25-40 **(Canceled)**

41. **(Previously Presented)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

formatting said display information as at least one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to produce said presentation; and

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one object and effecting a change in the development of the product based on the configuration input.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 41, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

43. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 42, wherein:

said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment verge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and

said method further comprises the step of:

performing said state changes by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

44. **(Previously Presented)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports, and package based reports in response to the configuration input; and

formatting said reports generated as HTML documents and sent via said network by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

45. **(Cancelled)**

46. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to ~~Claim 45~~ Claim 44, wherein said step of generating comprises the steps of:

producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

47. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 46, wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report formats.

48. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 46, wherein:

said step of producing said access reports includes the step of indicating which users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;

said step of producing said version control reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user, modification by environment, and current release; and

said step of producing said package based reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and packages by form items.

Claims 49-64 **(Canceled)**

65. **(Previously Presented)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

formatting said display information as at least one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to produce said presentation; and

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and effecting a change in the development of the product based on the configuration input.

66 **(Previously Presented)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 65, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

67. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 66, wherein:

said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment verge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and said instructions stored thereon further cause the computer to perform the step of:

performing said state changes by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

68. **(Previously Presented)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports, and package based reports in response to the configuration input; and

formatting said reports generated as HTML documents and sent via said network by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

69. **(Cancelled)**

70. **(Currently Amended)** The computer readable medium according to ~~Claim 69~~ **Claim 68**, wherein said step of generating comprises the steps of:

producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

71. **(Currently Amended)** The computer readable medium according to ~~Claim 46~~ Claim 70, wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report formats.

72. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 70, wherein:

said step of producing said access reports includes the step of indicating which users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;

said step of producing said version control reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user, modification by environment, and current release; and

said step of producing said package based reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and packages by form items.

Claims 73-80 **(Canceled)**

81. **(Previously Presented)** A configuration management system, comprising:

- means for performing configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;
- means for displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;
- means for connecting said means for performing configuration management functions to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;
- means for transmitting information produced by said means for performing configuration management functions over said network for display on a remote computer;
- means for formatting the information transmitted as one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to utilize the information; and
- means for receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one object and effecting a change in the development of the product based on the configuration input.

82. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
means for performing configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

means for displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display: **and**

means for executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

means for connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and intranet;

means for transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

means for receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object; and

means for generating at least one of access reports, version control reports and package based reports, in response to the configuration input received from the user, based on at least one selected of said objects within said configuration management system.

83. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 82, wherein said means for generating comprises:

means for producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

means for producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

means for producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

84. **(Cancelled)**

85. **(Cancelled)**

86. **(Cancelled)**

87. **(Cancelled)**